

JAMES D. CRENSHAW.

JUNE 9, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HAVLEY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10450.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, having had under consideration the bill (H. R. 10450) providing for the restoration to the Navy of James D. Crenshaw, have made a thorough examination of the records and facts bearing upon the same and report:

James D. Crenshaw was appointed a midshipman, after a satisfactory examination, September 22, 1877. He passed the academic course of four years June, 1881. In August of that year he was assigned to service on board ship. Appended to this report are several letters from Mr. Crenshaw's superior officers testifying to his faithfulness and efficiency while thus on duty.

At the close of his two years' sea course Mr. Crenshaw received the following letter:

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, June 26, 1883.

Having successfully completed your six years' course at the United States Naval Academy, and having been given a certificate of graduation by the academic board, but not being required to fill any vacancy in the naval service happening during the year preceding your graduation, you are hereby honorably discharged, from the 30th of June, 1883, with one year's sea pay, as prescribed by law for cadet midshipmen, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved August 5, 1882.

Respectfully,

WM. E. CHANDLER,
Secretary of the Navy.

Naval Cadet JAMES D. CRENSHAW,
United States Navy.

In response to the committee's inquiry touching the merits of Mr. Crenshaw's case, the Department says that it does not differ materially from those of other cadets who were legislated out of the Navy by the act of 1882, and reminds the committee that, under certain conditions, it had already recommended the restoration to the Navy of the cadets involved in that act.

Crenshaw having a good record of service in the Navy, and having had always a desire to continue in that service, and the committee believing that the Department's desire in this emergency for the best service obtainable should be complied with, hereby recommend the passage of the bill for his restoration.

JAMES D. CRENSHAW.

U. S. FLAGSHIP PENSACOLA,
Panama, U. S. C., August 1, 1882.

SIR: Cadet-Mid. J. D. Crenshaw, United States Navy, has been attached to this ship since September 20, 1881, and it gives me pleasure to inform the Department that he has been attentive and zealous in the performance of his professional duties. The watch and divisional officers with whom Mr. Crenshaw has served report very favorably of his conduct and bearing. His navigation work has been good, and his deportment as an officer unexceptional.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. McCANN,
Captain, U. S. N., Commanding.

Hon. WM. E. CHANDLER, *Secretary of the Navy,*
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

U. S. FLAGSHIP PENSACOLA,
Off Valparaiso, Chile, March 13, 1883.

SIR: Naval Cadet J. D. Crenshaw, U. S. N., has served under my command since August 1, 1882.

Mr. Crenshaw has had deck watch at sea during the daytime under sail and steam, and has stood a regular watch in the engine room in port and at sea. He has performed these duties intelligently, and shown professional ability. His moral character has been excellent.

Very respectfully,

JOSEPH FYFFE,
Captain, U. S. N., Commanding.

Hon. WM. E. CHANDLER, *Secretary of the Navy,*
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

U. S. FLAGSHIP PENSACOLA (2D RATE),
Off Valparaiso, Chile, March 14, 1883.

SIR: I take pleasure in certifying to the able and officer-like manner and bearing of Naval Cadet J. D. Crenshaw, who has done duty on board this ship for the period of eight months, during which time I have been attached to her.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. V. HEYERMAN,
Lieutenant-Commander, U. S. N.

Hon. WILLIAM E. CHANDLER, *Secretary of the Navy,*
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

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